

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

SHANE WELCH,

No. 4:18-CV-02188

Plaintiff,

(Judge Brann)

v.

(Chief Magistrate Judge Schwab)

ANDREW SAUL,¹

Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

ORDER

MARCH 27, 2020

Shane Welch filed this action seeking review of a decision by the Commissioner of Social Security (“Commissioner”) denying Welch’s claim for social security disability benefits.² On March 3, 2020, Chief Magistrate Judge Susan E. Schwab issued a Report and Recommendation recommending that this Court affirm the Commissioner’s decision and close this case.³ No timely objections were filed to this Report and Recommendation.

¹ Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), Andrew Saul, as the successor officer to Nancy Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, is automatically substituted as Defendant in this action.

² Docs. 1, 11.

³ Doc. 13.

Where no objection is made to a report and recommendation, this Court will review the recommendation only for clear error.⁴ Regardless of whether timely objections are made, district courts may accept, reject, or modify—in whole or in part—the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge.⁵ Upon review of the record, the Court finds no clear error in Chief Magistrate Judge Schwab’s conclusion that the Commissioner’s decision is supported by substantial evidence.

Consequently, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. Chief Magistrate Judge Susan E. Schwab’s Report and Recommendation (Doc. 13) is **ADOPTED**;
2. The Commissioner’s decision is **AFFIRMED**;
3. Final Judgment is entered in favor of Defendant and against Plaintiff pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 58 and sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g); and
4. The Clerk of Court is direct to **CLOSE** this case.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Matthew W. Brann

Matthew W. Brann
United States District Judge

⁴ Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), advisory committee notes; *see Henderson v. Carlson*, 812 F.2d 874, 878 (3d Cir. 1987) (explaining that court should in some manner review recommendations regardless of whether objections were filed).

⁵ 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Local Rule 72.31.